

REMARKS

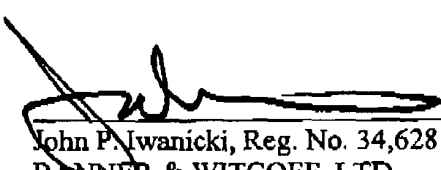
Claims 1, 10, 14-16, 20, 21 and 23 are allowed. Applicant's Agent thanks the Examiner for the telephone discussion of May 20, 2004 regarding allowed claim 20. Applicant respectfully submits that allowed claim 20 depends from claims that were cancelled because they were directed to a non-elected invention. Applicant has amended claim 20 to remove dependency from cancelled claim 18, to recite the preamble from claim 1, and to recite subject matter from cancelled claim 18. Applicant has added new claim 25 to recite subject matter from claim 20, to recite the preamble from claim 1, and to recite subject matter from cancelled claim 19. No new matter is believed to be included in the present amendment.

II. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the foregoing amendment. To the extent the Examiner believes that it would facilitate issuance of the case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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